

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph [002] on page 1 in the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

— This patent application claims the benefit of priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/429,374, filed November 27, 2002, which is incorporated herein by reference. This patent application is related to a series of other patent applications simultaneously filed with the present application on November 26, 2003. Those other patent applications include U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/721,348 entitled "METHOD AND SOFTWARE APPLICATION FOR PROCESSING DATA OBJECTS IN BUSINESS APPLICATIONS," U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/721,426 entitled "METHOD AND SOFTWARE APPLICATION FOR AVOIDING DATA LOSS," and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/721,869 entitled "DATA ELEMENT AND STRUCTURE FOR DATA PROCESSING." This patent application and the noted other patent applications have common inventors and are assigned to a common entity. —